

Executive Recommended

2016 King County Comprehensive Plan Update

Topical Areas

In accordance with King County Code 20.18.060(A.1)

Updates related to All Chapters:

All chapters of the KCCP will be reviewed and updated to address the following four goals: equity, climate change, regional mobility, and best run government. Further, since the King County Countywide Planning Policies were substantially revised in the past four years, all chapters will be reviewed and updated to ensure consistency.

- Review and update the KCCP for consistency with State, regional, and countywide growth management policy documents, such as the Growth Management Act, Vision 2040, Transportation 2040, the 2012 Countywide Planning Policies (CPPs), the King County Strategic Plan, the forthcoming Equity and Social Justice Strategic Plan, the King County Food Economy Initiative, King County Health and Human Services Transformation Vision and Initiatives, the Regional Equity Network, the King County Strategic Climate Action Plan, and the King County Cities Climate Collaboration (K4C).
- Update and strengthen policies that call for better integration of land use and transportation to create sustainable communities by promoting walking and bicycling, greater transit use, access to a healthy food system, access to quality and affordable homes, reduced greenhouse gas emissions and improved environmental, health and economic outcomes.
- Review and update policies to ensure that Low Impact Development (LID) is supported throughout the plan and that language related to LID and stormwater management reflects current National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit requirements.
- Update and strengthen policies to provide increased attention to areas with low income communities and people of color to address inequities and disparities in related to health, housing, and prosperity.
- Review and update policies to advance the 14 Determinants of Equity including the built environment, transportation, parks, housing, and food systems.
- Update demographic and economic information throughout the KCCP.

Chapter One – Regional Growth Management Planning

Our region's prosperity and sustainability rely on local governments working in partnership to plan for the future. The 2016 update to the Regional Planning Chapter of the KCCP will seek to strengthen the county's commitment to regional partnerships and public engagement in order

to ensure the most efficient and effective use of public funds and a high quality of life for all residents in King County.

- Review and update policies to strengthen the County's commitment to regional partnerships and public engagement.
- Review policies to address support for the Eastside Rail Corridor.
- Review policies to address support for the Growing Transit Communities Compact.
- Review policies to address support for the Regional Equity Network.
- Consider adding policies that broadly address regional initiatives that are covered in more detail in subsequent chapters such as the Regional Code Collaboration and the K4C.

Chapter Two – Urban Communities

The 2016 update to the Urban Communities chapter will focus on sustainability and health, racial, economic and social equity of all King County's unincorporated urban communities by strengthening the nexus of land use and housing with health, public transportation, jobs, education, and social services.

- Align with and advance the Communities of Opportunity initiative. Consider vehicles for communities to engage in innovative healthy place-making work.
- Identify prospects for partnerships with cities, especially within identified Potential Annexation Areas (PAAs).
- Review and update annexation policies to promote timely annexation of the remaining urban unincorporated area.
- Address lingering service delivery issues in urban unincorporated areas likely to remain in King County governance for the foreseeable future.
- Address the Regional Code Collaboration for opportunities to support Green Building provisions.
- Review and update policies to support healthy, affordable housing.
- Extend the growth targets that were adopted in the 2012 CPPs to provide a 20-year planning horizon.
- Review and update policies to ensure that there is robust provision for public/community benefits and consider whether there should be heightened public/community benefits requirements in new developments, especially in areas that may be susceptible to displacement of lower income people and community-based businesses.
- Update the data in the housing section and consider streamlining and/or moving to an appendix.
- Evaluate Housing and Land Use Section to ensure that potential innovative new housing models can be permitted and move forward, including homeless housing models.
- Address land use/zoning needs for transit-oriented communities that will include high quality/healthy affordable housing at high capacity transit stations and access areas.
- Explore addition of multifamily tax exemption.

Chapter Three – Rural Area and Natural Resource Lands

Rural and resource lands in King County contribute to the region's economic and environmental prosperity. The 2016 update to the Rural Area and Natural Resource Lands chapter will incorporate new information regarding the Food Economy Initiative and advance policies concerning the watershed planning process as well as ongoing sustainability.

- Review the King County Food Economy Initiative recommendations for policy implications and incorporate into policies as appropriate.
- Review and update the Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) policies to ensure consistency with new program directives.
- Strengthen policies related to improving productivity of farmland by addressing drainage, flood impacts, irrigation needs and other farmland issues to facilitate farming in King County.
- Update policies related to farm, fish, and flood conflicts to incorporate the findings of the Farm, Fish, Flood watershed planning process, which is scheduled to conclude in Spring 2015.
- Evaluate and add policies to promote "green building" and energy reduction in rural unincorporated areas.
- Update policies on landslide hazard identification, mapping and mitigation countywide.
- Evaluate policies to the extent they address the needs of residents living in unincorporated rural King County.
- Address issues related to resource-based home businesses.
- Address impacts related to resource-based businesses.
- Evaluate possibilities for streamlining home-based businesses.

Chapter Four – Environment

The sustainability of King County's natural environment requires a long-term commitment to environmental monitoring and adaptive management that highlights changing environmental conditions, evaluates the effectiveness of county actions, and influences policy decisions and investments. Since the 2012, the Strategic Climate Action Plan was adopted and is currently under review to be updated in 2015 and the K4C was formed outlining joint county-city commitments to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The 2016 update to the Environment chapter will advance King County's commitment to environmental protection and further address climate change.

- Review and update climate policies to reflect changes in federal and state requirements, climate inventories, the 2012 CPPs, and joint work with other cities and counties to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and prepare for climate change impacts.
- Review and revise emissions reductions targets for consistency with State goals and adopted updates to the CPPs; establish short term goals to achieve 2050 goal, consistent with the CPPs.
- Review and update policies to strengthen relationship between climate impacts and solutions with health, equity, and social justice.

- Review and update policies concerning regional plans such as those related to salmon recovery to better reflect the county's expectations for the effective life of the plan, the relative significance of such plans for the region, and/or priority for implementation. Consider adding new policies regarding beaver management in King County, to explore the benefit to maximize stream restoration efforts, climate change benefits, and reduce flood risk associated with beaver dams.
- Review and update policies to encourage and support a more integrated approach to achieving improved outcomes for water quality, health, and habitat.
- Review and update policies as needed to reflect most recent Puget Sound Action Agenda and its focus on habitat, stormwater, and shellfish beds.
- Update policies as needed for consistency with new requirements for municipal stormwater discharge permits.

Chapter Five – Shoreline Master Program

This chapter is adopted in accordance with RCW 90.58.020.

- Update policies to reflect an emphasis on the importance of outreach/education to shoreline property owners.

Chapter Six– Parks, Open Space, and Cultural Resources

The 2016 update to the Parks, Open Space and Cultural Resources chapter will further reflect the priority for developing and maintaining regional parks and open space and the regional trails.

- Review and update policies relating to climate change/sustainability, forest stewardship and public engagement/partnerships.
- Create a brief policy subsection for the Regional Trails System (RTS.)
- Update the Regional Trails Needs Report (RTNR) and the RTNR Map.
- Update the 2012 King County's Open Space System Map.

Chapter Seven – Transportation

The 2016 update to the Transportation chapter will further refine the policy framework that guides efficient provision of vital transportation infrastructure and services that support thriving communities and the county's participation in critical regional transportation issues. The 2016 update will also reflect the county's continuing transition to becoming a road service provider for a primarily rural roads system.

- Review and update policies to reflect adopted transportation functional plans such as agency strategic plans, service guidelines, long-range plans, and master plans.
- Review and update policies and programs related to transportation level of service and impact mitigation. Update the Transportation Concurrency Management program and Mitigation Payment System to reflect insufficient funding to address roadway capacity improvements for the foreseeable future.
- Review and update policies to guide and potentially expand public and private partnerships to advance regional transportation services.

- Review and update policies related to local and regional transportation funding, pricing, and demand management.
- Review and update policies to address active transportation, as appropriate.
- Review and update transportation policies addressing sustainability issues such as greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals, performance and operation of the HOV/HOT lane system to ensure efficiencies for transit and other vehicles.
- Review and update policies to strengthen coordinated planning to increase connectivity between transportation modes.
- Review and update environmental and stormwater management policies to facilitate efficient and cost-effective maintenance and preservation of transportation infrastructure and respond to emergency situations.
- Address the importance of high quality/healthy housing, including housing that is affordable, near transit stations as part of a strategy to increase the use of public transportation and reduce vehicle trips and vehicle miles traveled.

Chapter Eight – Services, Facilities and Utilities

The 2016 update to the Services, Facilities and Utilities chapter will focus on strengthening regional cooperation and coordination around critical community infrastructure including water supply, wastewater treatment, flood management, and solid waste. Policies will be updated to reflect new and innovative approaches to energy efficiency, green building and environmental sustainability and will reinforce the important social and economic role King County's facilities, services and utilities play in the region.

- Review policies to reflect that the Wastewater Treatment Division uses planning horizons that exceed the 20-year growth target and land use plan when developing capital facility plans.
- Update policies in the Capital Facility Planning section to reflect that the Wastewater Treatment Division (WTD) uses an alternative to LEED, Envision Sustainable Infrastructure Rating System, to rate WTD infrastructure.
- Update policies to reflect Consent Decree requiring completion of Combined Sewer Overflow projects by 2030.
- Review and update policies as needed to ensure compliance with state and federal laws and treaty obligations related to monitoring, inspection, and correction of failing onsite septic systems.
- Review policies for consistency with update to Solid Waste Division facilities/transfer plans. Update policies to reflect goals for zero waste/70% recycling rates.
- Review and update policies to allow flexibility in consideration of long-term disposal options.
- Review and update the Regional Services section to reflect the health and Human Services Transformation Vision for 2020 and Communities of Opportunity.

Chapter Nine – Economic Development

The 2016 update to the Economic Development chapter will recognize that sustainable economic development benefiting all people in King County requires visionary policies and

strong partnerships to grow and attract businesses, educate and train workers, and maintain and expand infrastructure while supporting the health of the natural and built environment.

- Update economic data.
- Review and update policies to provide guidance to the Rural Economic Strategies.
- Explore including policies to address growing income inequality.
- Review the King County Food Economy Initiative recommendations for policy implications and incorporate into policies as appropriate.
- Assess current fragmented economic development activities across the county and update policies to achieve agreed-upon results in job and wage growth and in economic diversity.

Chapter Ten – Community Plans

The 2016 updates to Community Plans will enhance the applicability of the community plan policies by focusing on specific community issues and eliminating those policies that relate to areas that have annexed to cities.

- Update policies to remove site specific references to areas that have been annexed to cities.
- Review policies for broader applicability and consider incorporating into other chapters of the Comprehensive plan rather than being site specific.

Chapter Eleven – Implementation, Amendments, and Evaluation

The 2016 update to the Implementation chapter will strengthen the link between the KCCP and the King County Strategic Plan through a set of metrics that will be based on measureable goal statements to be added to each chapter.

- Review and update metrics to monitor the progress of the KCCP toward achieving the Regional Growth Strategy.

Area Zoning and Land Use Proposals

- **West Hill** (Motion 14221): Incorporate the subarea plan, which is expected to be completed by June 30, 2015.
- **Fairwood** (Motion 14276): Review land use designations and implementing zoning on parcels 3423059035, 3423059061, 3423059031, and 3423059034 and the surrounding area.
- **Federal Way** (Motion 14276): Review land use designations and implementing zoning on parcel 282104971 and the surrounding area.

Technical Appendices

Update technical appendices as needed.

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2016 King County Comprehensive Plan Update Public Outreach Plan and SEPA Analysis

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I. Public Outreach Plan

King County Regional Planning staff, along with staff from the Executive Departments, will conduct a two-phased approach to public outreach for the 2016 King County Comprehensive Plan. The first phase will take place during the spring and summer to get input into the issues to be addressed in the update. King County staff will have information on the update process at the Community Service Area open houses during the period April through June. The 2nd phase will take place in the fall and early winter once the Public Review Draft has been released. Throughout the entire process, the 2016 King County Comprehensive Plan website will be updated and the email address for comments will be monitored. The following community and stakeholder groups will be notified of the update process. Regional Planning staff will be available to attend meetings of these groups, as requested.

A. Community Councils

- Four Creeks Unincorporated Area Council (UAC)
- Greater Maple Valley Area Council
- North Highline UAC
- Upper Bear Creek Community Council
- Vashon-Murray Island Community Council
- West Hill Community Association
- White Center Community Development Association
- Skyway Solutions
- Fall City Community Association
- Green Valley Lake Holm Association

B. King County Commissions and Advisory Committees

- Agriculture Commission
- Rural Forestry Commission
- Historic Preservation Commission
- Transportation Concurrency Expert Review Panel

C. Stakeholder Groups (*partial list*)

- Master Builders Association of King and Snohomish Counties
- Seattle-King County Realtors
- Futurewise
- Housing Development Consortium

II. SEPA Analysis

SEPA analysis for the 2016 King County Comprehensive Plan update will commence with the release of the public review draft in the fall, 2015 and continue through review by the King County Council committee. SEPA will be concluded in advance of action by the full King County Council, expected in the fall of 2016.